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In re Application of:
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Process Analyzer System

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Brian J. Sines

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 19, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 19, 2003, Applicant requests entry and consideration of the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Applicants have attached a Petition for One Month Extension of time hereto. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/5377/CMP/ECP/NAN, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A bath chemical control system for a chemical mechanical planarization system, comprising:
an analyzer configured to determine the proportion of one of the predetermined

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